Department of Elections (DOE) and Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in coordination with the Department of Technology and Information (DTI) Launch eSignature Project – Electronic Voter Registration System

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- DMV and DOE work together to provide Delaware citizens a streamlined method of registering and maintaining an individual's voter registration, this is commonly referred to as the "Motor/Voter" program.
- Through this process citizens can begin and update their voter registration information at the same time as they obtain or make changes to their Delaware driver license/identification card.
- To improve the security and quality of this data exchange and increase customer service the eSignature Project <u>fully</u> automates this transaction.
- Delaware's state government is answering our residents' desire to conduct business with government interactively and online. Online voter registration, a collaborative effort between DOE and DTI was the first phase of automating the election process and eSignature now takes this process to the next level with full automation replacing the need for paper filings.
- The Department of Technology and Information (DTI) in partnership with DelDOT's Office of Information Technology provided the technical expertise and back office support needed to build a framework that supports a variety of computer applications from multiple agencies, yet is invisible to the citizen using it.
- With this automation the following new security checks have been put in place for data being transmitted to the DOE from the DMV
 - All citizens registering to vote via this new process will have their social security information verified with the federal social security administration through the Federal Social Security On-Line Verification System (SSOLV) to ensure the citizen is who they say they are.
 - All citizens that meet the requirements will have their immigration documentation electronically verified through the Federal System Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) system to ensure the citizen is here legally.
 - o All citizens will have their address verified via the United States Postal Service to ensure that the address provided is valid.
- The eSignature Project also replaces the current manual process, which will save thousands of taxpayer dollars in equipment maintenance and staff time.
- The eSignature Project is completely paperless thus supporting the Green Delaware initiative.
- This project is also be used in the Depts. of Election in each of Delaware's counties and later move into the other state agencies that provide voter registration.
- Information will be received in the Depts. of Election in real time.